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Wednesday, June 5, 2013, 10:00AM

Subject: Proposed Budget Bill 11 (2013), CD2 for Fiscal Year 2014

Dear Chair Martin and Council Members:

The group dining program is important for me especially because it provides me a place to come to serve lunch. It keeps me going. It gives me a sense of belonging. It makes me interested in seeing that the program goes well because I'm allowed to serve.

I'm interested in what goes on here and how it goes on. It's important because we get together. There is a difference between people who used to attend and no longer attend the program. Their walking skills decline. Normal speaking skills decline. Cognition is different with some people. Some people become more introvert. In the program, everyone is talking to each other and interacting. If they don't come to the program, we go and look for them to make sure they are okay.

Most of us don't cook any longer. I don't. For some of us this is the only nutritional hot meal we receive.

The program belongs to me and each and every one of us. The money will be well used to expand the nutrition programs. Please support this bill.

Thank you,

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